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emissions for the smaller facilities, while leaving the 4,000-ton cap for the larger generators. With a permanent 400-ton cap that per-consumer charge would drop the fee a Hastings consumer pays from \$5.99 to \$2.23. Grand Island customers would drop from \$5.08 to \$1.23. Now that's quite a reduction and amounts to a \$98,000 a year difference for the city of Grand Island. Do the charges that customers of OPPD and NPPD go up inversely? No. OPPD customers would only see an increase from \$1.88 to \$2.18. NPPD customers would only see an increase from 90 cents to \$1.04. This is a much more equitable way for the customers. LB 461 will make a huge improvement for the 102,000 Nebraskans that live in Grand Island, Hastings and Fremont, and a very little cost to other consumers or emitters. LB 461 will not hamper DEQ's ability to collect sufficient funds to administer the Air Operating Permit Program. The committee supported the advancement of LB 461 unanimously. I also want to thank Senator Burling for prioritizing this bill. I want to thank the committee for other hard work on this bill and for their support of this issue. Senator Schrock will address a committee amendment. This amendment is a worthwhile bill from Senators Coordsen and Burling, and I will accept this as an amendment. This bill is very important to Senator Burling, Senator Janssen and to me, and to the 102,000 Nebraskans now that are being unfairly charged. I ask for your support of LB 461 and advancement to E & R. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments to LB 461 adopts the following two amendments to the bill. The first amendment is page 2, line 11: strikes "in case of" and inserts "beginning with the calendar year 2001 emissions", and adds the emergency clause. The second amendment adds the committee approved amended version of LB 614, which was introduced by Senator Coordsen, in its entirety, to LB 461. The provisions are as follows: It prohibits the disbursement from grants or loans administered under the